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MORGAN SCREAMS AS TAXES GO UP

The Senate Will Decide Whether You Can Eat

Telegrams May Prevent Death Of Subsidies

Teamsters Urged to Wire
Senators and Congress-
men Immediately

The Teamsters of Indiana are about to take a severe financial beating.

Food is about to be taken from their mouths, and from the mouths of all other working people of Indiana and of the nation.

If Congress has its way, food subsidies are going to be kicked out of the national picture, and vicious inflation will be the inevitable result.

The House of Representatives already has voted against the wishes of President Roosevelt and organized labor, and the Senate is likely to follow suit unless organized labor lets the senators know by telegram that it wants subsidies to be continued.

We Must Act Now

The Teamsters of Indiana have a job to do. Senators Raymond E. Willis and Frederick Van Nys should be told immediately by telegrams that the Teamster movement is completely opposed to the effort to kill subsidies.

Send your telegrams to the two senators now, and while doing so, send another one to your congressman, urging him to support a possible veto by President Roosevelt of the anti-subsidy bill in the event it is passed by the Senate.

Only three Indiana members of the House of Representatives voted for subsidies. They are:

Louis Ludlow, Democrat of Indianapolis.

Ray J. Madden, Democrat of Gary.

Charles M. LaFollette, Republican of Evansville.

The other congressmen who voted against subsidies are:

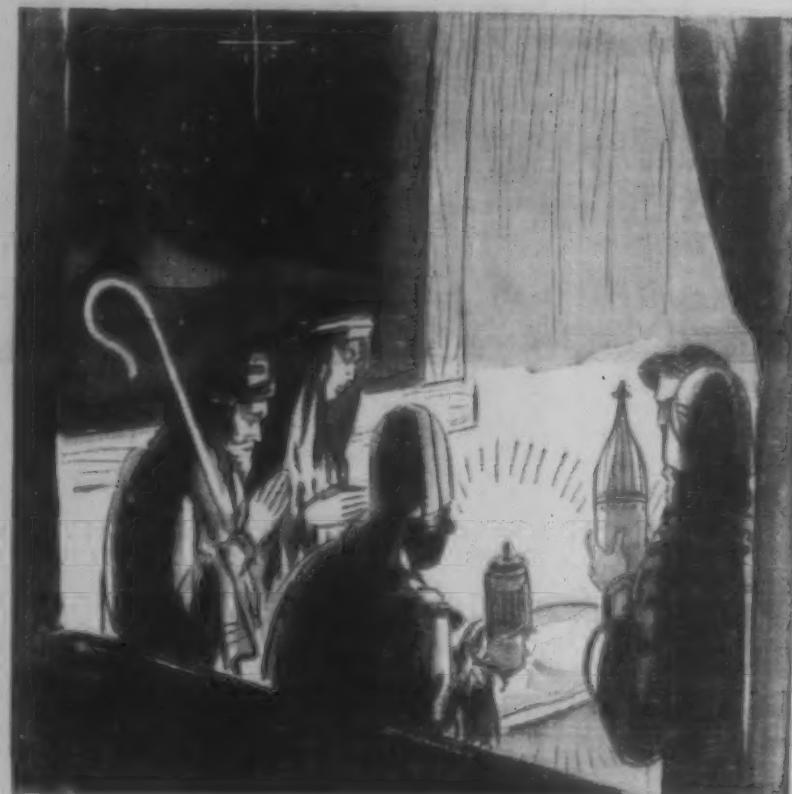
Charles A. Halleck, Republican of Rensselaer.

Robert A. Grant, Republican of South Bend.

Forest A. Harness, Republican of Kokomo.

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In Deep Humility



The wise men who came to the cradle bearing gifts, brought none so precious as the heritage of Christian life which is ours. In humbleness and gratitude, we pledge ourselves during this Christmas season of 1943 to greater service to our God and nation.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO EVERYONE

The Indiana State Drivers' Council

NLRB Election To Be Held Dec. 14 At Frozen Egg Corporation Plant

The long-awaited National Labor Relations Board election to establish a collective bargaining agent for approximately 120 employees of the Mid-State Frozen Egg Corporation of Indianapolis, will be held at 3:30 p. m. Tuesday, December 14, in the corporation's plant.

The employees will choose between Teamsters Local Union No. 188 and the CIO, and in view of the fact that a large percentage of the workers al-

ready have been signed up as members of the Teamsters' union, a one-sided vote in favor of the Teamsters is in prospect.

LOW WAGES PAID

C. E. Davis, president of Local No. 188, has described working conditions and the wages paid at the plant as "deplorable," pointing out that when Local No. 188 started organization work at the plant about four months ago, the

highest wage paid any of the workers was only 48 cents an hour. The plant is engaged in the filling of government orders.

Successes of Local No. 188 in improving the working conditions and raising the wages of employees of other Indianapolis plants have been stressed during the organization efforts, and the local has pledged itself to give similar aid to the greatly abused Frozen Egg workers.

Indiana Board Calls Packing Company Bluff

Personal Property Valua-
tion Increased by More
Than \$500,000

By LESTER M. HUNT

(This article will appear in the January issue of THE INTERNATIONAL TEAMSTER.)

The tax rate of Jennings Township, Indiana, has been reduced again.

And why was it reduced?

Because the Morgan Packing Company is paying its taxes.

Why is it paying its taxes?

Because it has to pay its taxes. It couldn't weasel out of them. And don't think it didn't try. A nickel to the Morgan Packing Company is as sacred as a bottle of rotten ketchup. And the Morgan Packing Company has plenty of both.

Thanks to the Indiana Tax Board, it will have fewer nickels after it pays this year's taxes.

Valuation Is Jumped

The board boosted Morgan's personal property valuation more than half a million dollars. Last year the board boosted the valuation almost three quarters of a million, making a total increase for the two years of \$1,295,688.

Because of the action of the tax board in making Morgan pay his fair share of taxes, the rate of Jennings Township where Morgan's main plant is located, was reduced 52 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation last year.

As a result of this year's increase in Morgan's taxes, the

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G.O.P. vs. Labor?

"We can win the election in Indiana without the labor vote." This statement was made to representatives of the Teamsters' union recently by high Indiana officials of the Republican party, one of whom has been mentioned frequently as a probable choice for the Republican nomination for governor.

In other words, these spokesmen for the Republican party were stating that there was no need for their party to nominate candidates who are friendly to the cause of organized labor; who want working men and women to get a square deal.

The Indiana Teamster does not believe that these leaders expressed the sentiments of the Republican party as a whole, but it is aware that they spoke for the powerful, labor-hating element of the party, and that it will be difficult for the party to hold these leaders in check when the work of nominating candidates is begun.

The Teamsters of Indiana have expressed determination to give all-out support to any candidate, regardless of party affiliation, who is friendly to the labor movement, and who believes in protecting the rights of workers to bargain collectively for decent wages and working conditions.

The statement made by the Republican party leaders seems to be a warning that the Republican candidates will be the type of persons who will attempt to stab labor in the back.

The Teamsters and all other members of organized labor will wait and see what happens, and then they will vote. It is entirely possible that when the election returns have been counted, the G. O. P. leaders will be crawling into political graves dug for them by the votes of organized labor.

The Need for Organization

The fellow who forgets the benefits which have been brought to him by the organized labor movement is playing right into the hands of the labor-haters who want to amass huge fortunes by returning to their former methods of paying low salaries and providing horrible working conditions for their employees.

It is true that jobs are plentiful at present, that employers in some instances are bending over backwards to make things pleasant for their employees, and that the labor unions, because of desire to cooperate with governmental efforts to halt inflation, are having only a small amount of success as a general rule in obtaining pay increases for their members.

But does this erase the need for being a member of a labor union? Labor's enemies want you to believe that it does. They want you to think that the days when you worked for practically nothing, had no job security, and labored long hours in unhealthy surroundings, are gone forever.

As long as the labor movement continues to gain in size, influence and intelligence, those days of low earnings, drudgery and suffering never will return. But we dread to think of what will happen after the end of the war if money-mad industrialists are permitted to again seize the whip which they used without mercy on the backs of workers before organized labor came into existence.

What's Cookin', Brother?

What's the latest in the way of news in your locality? If you know of anything that would be of interest to other Teamsters of Indiana or would benefit the Teamster movement, be sure to let THE INDIANA TEAMSTER know about it.

This newspaper is more than anxious to receive all kinds of news, poems, jokes, gossip, and almost everything else. When you help the paper by sending in items for publication you do all of the other teamsters in the state a favor. THE INDIANA TEAMSTER is the voice of the Teamsters of Indiana.

Send your news contributions before the 5th of each month to the secretary of your local, or to whoever has been designated by your local to serve as a reporter for THE INDIANA TEAMSTER. If you wish, you may send your contributions directly to the editor, 28 West North St., Indianapolis.

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Clare's Tongue Is "Luce"

Clare Boothe Luce of Connecticut, the congressional snake charmer, spread some more of her globaloney recently in the *Chicago Tribune*, which reported:

"Mrs. Luce asserted that the American people could never have been branded as isolationist if President Roosevelt and his State Department had disclosed to the nation the danger of which they themselves were fully aware. She attacked the Administration which, she said, suppressed the facts because 1940 was an election year."

Maybe Mrs. Luce doesn't know any better, but the *Chicago Tribune* certainly does. It remembers what it said about the President every time he tried to warn us of the danger that confronted us. It called him a warmonger.

For the information of Congresswoman Luce, President Roosevelt began rebuilding the Navy in 1933 as soon as he took office. At that time Mrs. Luce was writing fashion notes for New York social butterflies.

Although a Republican, she doubtless did not know that the Republicans had sunk fifteen battleships and seven cruisers that the Democratic administration of President Wilson left them.

The Republicans also cut down the Army to the status of a Boy Scout troop. But she says that Roosevelt left us unprepared.

Does she remember what the Republicans said when Roosevelt warned us that our frontier was on the Rhine? And what they said when he urged the quarantine of the "mad dog" nations—Germany, Italy and Japan? That was way back in 1937!

She says Roosevelt suppressed the truth because 1940 was an election year. But the fortification of Guam came before Congress in 1938, and the Republicans voted 138 to 15 against it.

And in June, 1939, the Republicans voted 122 to 5 against the increased construction of military airplanes, despite the warnings of President Roosevelt.

Also in June, 1939, the Republicans in the lower house of Congress voted 150 to 8 against selling munitions to England in her war against "mad dog" Germany.

In November, 1939, the Republicans voted 140 to 20 against revising the neutrality law so that we could provide the British, Poles, etc., with the weapons to hold back the nations against which Roosevelt had warned us.

That wasn't an election year. But 1940 was. And in September of that year, only 60 days before the election, President Roosevelt disregarded political danger and demanded the passage of the conscription law. It passed, but the Republicans voted 112 to 52 against it.

When Mrs. Luce says the Democratic administration failed to warn us, she proves that her memory is as "Luce" as her tongue.

—The International Teamster.

Pay Increases Granted by WLB To Refiners Transport Drivers

WARSHAM ENTERS ARMY

Ed Warsham, a member of Indianapolis Local No. 233, recently left his duties as shop steward of the Standard Grocery Company's Indianapolis warehouse to enter the army.

"Ed will be greatly missed by members of Local No. 233 while he is serving in the army," Ernest Crickmore, secretary-treasurer of the local, said. "He was a great asset to our local, and he is sure to be of equal value to the army."

The contract provides for a 12-cents-per-hour increase for drivers, a 17-cents-per-hour increase for warehousemen, time and one-half pay for all work in excess of nine hours in any one day, and two-week vacations with pay. The agreement, which has been submitted to the War Labor Board for approval, would be retroactive to last Sept. 1.

Officials of Local No. 135 who negotiated the two contracts were Mr. Williams; Fred Marshall, president of the local, and Ray Friesenthaler and Robert McClain, business agents of the local.

REGULAR MEETINGS OF LOCAL NO. 135 ARE HELD AT 8 P.M. ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, AND THE LOCAL'S EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS AT 7:30 P.M. ON THE THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH. ALL MEETINGS ARE IN THE HEADQUARTERS OF INDIANAPOLIS JOINT COUNCIL NO. 69.

COMPLETES BASIC TRAINING

Virgil Fair, a member of Indianapolis Local Union No. 135, who recently entered the Army Air Forces, has completed basic training at an Army Air Base in North Dakota.

Emmett Longstaff Killed in Action In European Area

Sgt. Emmett Longstaff, a member of Indianapolis Local Union No. 135, who enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force the day after the sneak Jap attack on Pearl Harbor, has been reported as killed in action in the European war theater where he dropped many tons of bombs on the Nazis. He previously had been listed as missing in action after a mass raid on Germany by 600 large bombers, 54 of which did not return to their bases in England. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Longstaff of Indianapolis, recently were advised by the Canadian government that he had been killed during the mass raid.

Sgt. Longstaff is a nephew of Joe Williams, secretary-treasurer of Local Union No. 135. He was a driver for the Commercial Motor Freight Company at the time of his enlistment, and was widely known as an amateur boxer.

Survivors, besides the parents and Mr. Williams, are three sisters, Miss Esther Longstaff, Miss Lois Jean Longstaff and Miss Loretta Longstaff, all of Indianapolis.

New State Council Committees Will Aid Locals

Kokomo Local Wins Pay Jumps For Freight and Coal Handlers After Nearly a Year of Delays

Workers in Four Indiana Cities Are Affected by War Labor Board Decision on Union Contracts.

O. B. Chambers Announces

KOKOMO, Ind.—(Special)—After nearly a year of delays, Kokomo Local Union No. 759 has been successful in its efforts to obtain approval by the War Labor Board of pay increases for city freight workers in Kokomo, Wabash, Peru and Logansport, and for the coal truck drivers and yardmen in Kokomo, O. B. Chambers, secretary-treasurer of the local, announced here.

The city freight handlers were granted a 2½-cent pay increase, retroactive to last January 15, and all provisions of their former contract, including a 48-hour week, time and one-half for work over eight hours in any one day, and one-week vacations with pay, will be continued.

Overtime Pay Increased

The coal truck drivers were granted a 7½-cent hourly pay increase, retroactive to last January 1. They also will receive time and one-half pay for overtime, as contrasted to time and one-quarter pay they have received in the past for overtime work.

Nearly all of the city freight handlers and coal truck drivers already have received their back pay, Mr. Chambers said.

The coal contracts have been signed by the leading coal companies in Kokomo, including the Coady Coal Company; the Consolidated Coal Company; Sumption, Heady, Hunt Company; Workman Coal Company; Ellis Coal and Materials, Inc., and Hansell Coal Company. Mr. Chambers asked members to remember which companies have contracts with Local No. 759 when they order coal.

Fighting Teamster Attacks Old World Grabbing Methods

Criticism of "old world nations" for "exploiting backward peoples" is voiced in a letter just received from Private First Class Owen A. Boyer, a member of Local Union No. 193 and a former driver for the Aero Mayflower Transit Company, who is serving with the army in the European war theater.

"It is nice to keep in touch with some of the folks who believe that the way to have wealth and material things is to produce them, rather than to take or scheme them away from someone," Private Boyer wrote. "Few people of the old world would believe it worthwhile to put making oneself an efficient workman above making oneself efficient at grab. This is the root of the skepticism of Americans over a new world order and permanent peace."

"Surely no one can be so dumb as to have seen these old lands and believe that anything except production and reward to producers makes a great and happy land. Exploitation of backward peoples and being the world's big shot never produced anything to compare with the United States. And our venerable Uncle Sam is a dope to pay for keeping and maintaining any other nations . . . even if failure to do so prevents some of our political figures from attaining world pre-eminence."

HERE'S THE LATEST FROM TERRE HAUTE LOCAL NO. 144

By NORMAN C. MURRIN

Local No. 144 is negotiating a new city freight agreement. We hope to have it submitted to the WLB before long.

Oil Haulers: The Refiners Transport, Inc., WLB case was given the sanction of the OPA in Washington, and back wages to January, 1943, will be paid within a period of two weeks. The case calls for a 6 cents per hour pay hike. The Refiners Transport & Terminal Corp. contract, now before the WLB, calls for an increase from 86 cents per hour to 90 cents, and added improvements in working conditions. The National Refining Company appeal was made on the recent WLB decision which allowed drivers \$160 per month, as against their original request for \$175 per month, with wages placed on a monthly basis.

Bakery drivers of Local No. 144 should compliment their negotiating committee on the way the last three contract meetings were held, particularly the last one, in which Mr. Updegraff was the arbitrator in the case. We will have to call upon this committee to rewrite the agreement after the arbitrator's decision has been rendered.

Freight: Thanks to those locals who forwarded copies of their city freight agreements to Local 144. As you know, these agreements are to be used to compile information for the city freight division of the Central States Drivers' Council. Hope to have the report prepared for the next council meeting.

Employes of the Loudon Packing Company should know that their Form 10 and also the brief covering their recent negotiations are now in the hands of the company attorneys for final approval, and after same is granted they will be forwarded to the WLB for final action.

Warehouse employees of Distributors Terminal Corp. are now represented in the case before the WLB. This new agreement was reached after excellent co-operation on the part of the management in getting the contract negotiated, and the Form 10 and briefs approved and submitted to WLB in very short order. We hope to hear from the board shortly on the case.

The decision of the WLB approving the pay increase for the Wabash Commission employees was long awaited but greatly appreciated news. Informing of the hourly wage scale for all employees will require considerable back-wage payments and, of date, we know of two employees who are in the armed forces who will be "tickled to death" to see their back wages.

Here are two new addresses of our boys in the service: Pvt. Karl Waluk, A.S.N. 35730428, Co. F,

Sgt. Otto Copas, Former Local 543 Officer, Dies of Wounds

JOE WILLIAMS PRAISED FOR HELP IN CAMPAIGN

Appreciation of the support given by the Teamsters of Indianapolis in the recent United War Fund campaign has been expressed in a letter sent by Kenneth W. Miller, executive secretary of the campaign, to Joe Williams, secretary-treasurer of Indianapolis Local Union No. 135.

Mr. Williams served as a member of the A. F. of L. United Nations Relief Committee during the campaign.

"We want to take this opportunity to thank you as a member of the committee for your helpfulness," Mr. Miller wrote.

Two Local 188 Contracts Win WLB Approval

The War Labor Board has given its approval to contracts negotiated by Indianapolis Local Union No. 188 with the General Baking Company and the Weber Milk Company, providing substantial wage increases for members of the local. C. E. Davis, president of the local, announced.

Under the General Baking Company contract, retail drivers will receive pay increases of \$4.20 per week, and wholesale drivers will receive a 1 per cent commission increase and a \$1 increase in their weekly wage guarantee. The raises are retroactive to April 1.

The Weber Milk Company contract provides for 6 per cent raises for inside employees, increases of one-fourth of 1 per cent in the commissions of wholesale drivers, and for one and two-week vacations with pay. Through the contract, the company recognizes Local No. 188 as the collective bargaining agent for wholesale and retail drivers, and agrees to maintenance of membership, and the check-off.

A WLB hearing officer is expected to arrive in Indianapolis soon to hear arguments in the dispute between Local No. 188 and the Polk Milk Company over suggested provisions of a contract covering employees of the company. The company has objected to increases in pay, vacations with pay, recognition of the union, the check-off, and continuation of the present bonus plan of the company.

It Looks Menacing

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840th Sig. Trig. Bn., U.S. Army, Camp Crowder, Missouri, and Tech. Sgt. Marion Underwood, 35359084, Hq. 336, Grp. AAF, LCAAF, Lake Charles, La. Also received a postcard from our former secretary-treasurer, now of the U.S. Navy. His address is: Ivan Neidlinger, A.S. Company 1823, USNTS, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Still waiting for a hearing and decision on our appeals case covering ice cream drivers.

The milk haulers' contract has expired and negotiations should be started before too long.

Data Exchange Will Highlight Broad Program

Pat Hess Cites Individual Needs of Teamster Units in State

To provide a more direct approach to the individual problems of Teamsters' local unions in Indiana, the Indiana State Drivers' Council has established several special committees which are charged with the responsibility of gathering information that will be of value to the locals in their dealings with various types of industries.

Pat Hess of Fort Wayne, president of the council, in appointing chairmen for most of the committees last month, pointed out that many types of industries are under contract to the Teamsters' locals throughout the state, and that while one local may be deeply interested in helping over-the-road drivers, for example, another local may not have any members that are over-the-road drivers.

Co-Operation Need Seen

"It has become increasingly apparent that locals which are dealing with the same type of industry must co-operate more fully with each other in exchanging information," Mr. Hess said. "That is the reason for appointing these committees which will be, in effect, divisions of the Indiana State Drivers' Council."

The committees already established and their chairmen are as follows:

Over-the-road, Joe Williams of Indianapolis Local Union No. 135.

Movers, Russell T. House of Indianapolis Local Union No. 193.

Bread and milk, C. E. Davis of Indianapolis Local Union No. 188.

Coal and ice, George Skerke of Michigan City Local Union No. 298.

Oil, Harry Cole of Hammond Local Union No. 362.

Drive-away, Pat Hess of Fort Wayne Local Union No. 414.

Taxi drivers, William Schlageter of Evansville Local Union No. 11.

Warehouse, Mike Sawochka of Gary Local Union No. 142.

City local cartage, Norman C. Murrin of Terre Haute Local Union No. 144.

Produce, Paul Page of Indianapolis Local Union No. 233.

Steel drivers, Steven Toth of East Chicago Local Union No. 520.

Beer drivers, Walter E. Biggs of South Bend Local Union No. 364.

Machine and heavy haulers, Red Travis of Indianapolis Local Union No. 135.

pressure and the matching of tires, and by all means your speed.

We are making some headway with our Oil contract.

Member of Local No. 520 bombing Hitler: Lawrence Schwandt is attached to a bombing squad in England and has been on missions over Germany. Good luck to Lawrence. You're a great kid.

The officers and members of Local No. 520 wish all the other locals a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Above all, Buy More War Bonds.

UNFAIR

Omar Baking Company Sales Drivers Are Unfair to Teamsters' Union Local No. 188

DO NOT PATRONIZE

One-Shot Scotty Strickland, of 142, was not hunting birds the other day as usual. When Scotty starts shooting, the birds and rabbits have a field day. Of course, Scotty blames the gun.

Save those tires, buddy. We are using one million two hundred thousand more tires than are being manufactured. There will be a lot of trucks jacked up this coming spring and summer. So watch your

Ivan Screams When Board Calls His Bluff

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tax rate for the township will go down 10 cents more, for a total reduction of 25 per cent in two years.

Home Owner Saves

That means that a man with a \$5,000 home in Jennings Township will pay \$31 less taxes per year!

For that he can thank Charles H. Bedwell, Howard R. Atcheson and Peter A. Bezzkiewicz of the Indiana Tax Board.

This year Ivan C. Morgan, president of the company, submitted a personal property valuation of \$763,320. That was half a million more than he submitted last year.

But it was still too low. The board was fortified, this year, as last, with figures obtained by J. H. Robertson, appraisal engineer for the board. On the basis of Robertson's investigation, the board upped Morgan's valuation to \$1,322,460, an increase of \$559,230.

Morgan Protested

"You cannot do that to me," Morgan screamed in substance as he vehemently protested the action. But the board did do it, just as it did last year.

Morgan maintains that he is being unfairly dealt with. If he is, all he has to do is to take the tax board into court and prove it. He didn't do it last year, in spite of all his protests.

And if he does it this year, the board is ready for him.

Former Judge Charles H. Bedwell is chairman of the board and Judge Bedwell knows how to handle himself in court.

If Morgan wants to take him on, Judge Bedwell is waiting.

Other Corporations Hit

The increase made in Morgan's valuation was only a small part of the general increases made by the board as it cracked down on other corporations who have been evading their taxes.

These include corporations who have been charging that the federal government is ruining them by taxation.

But the tax board found they were doing pretty well, in spite of their frequent cries of "wolf," probably uttered to divert public attention from the fact that they were not paying as much taxes as they should.

The largest increase was one of \$7,029,745 for the General Electric Company of Fort Wayne.

The company put on an "hour of charm" before the tax board but it didn't work. They tried everything but their "magic violin" which makes other taxpayers so sentimental when they heard over the radio that they forgot all about the fact that General Electric also plays a lyre for the tax collector.

No Nose-Blowing

The tax board didn't blow its nose over General Electric's music. Instead it blew up the tax valuation from \$5,584,105, which the company figured was about right, to \$12,613,850.

Other increases made by the board which will save hard cash for home owners and farmers of Indiana were:

American Steel Foundry of East Chicago, an increase of \$932,400 from \$1,861,800 to \$2,797,200.

Pullman Standard Car Manufacturing Co. of LaPorte, an increase of \$573,690 from \$1,161,710 to \$1,735,400.

S. F. Bowser & Co. of Fort Wayne, an increase of \$587,665 from \$469,410 to \$1,057,075.

Penn Electric Co. of Elkhart county, an increase of \$607,155 from \$191,380 to \$796,535.

Ross Gear & Tool Co. of Lafayette, an increase of \$303,915 from \$437,115 to \$740,930.

National Homes, Inc., of Lafayette, an increase of \$107,940 from \$289,510 to \$397,450.

(Editor's Note—One thousand, four hundred cases of polluted Morgan catsup seized by the state health department on September

Trucking Experience Serves U. S.



Experience gained by Private Milton D. Bryan while serving as a truck driver for the Inter-State Motor Freight System, is coming in handy in Italy where he is seeing plenty of action with the army. He is shown with a tractor grader which he uses in the construction and improvement of landing fields for the Army Air Forces. Private Bryan is a member of Indianapolis Local Union No. 135.

HOUZE IS ELECTED BY JOINT COUNCIL AS NEW PRESIDENT

Russell T. Houze, president of Indianapolis Local Union No. 193, was elected recently as president of Indianapolis Joint Council No. 69, succeeding Joe Williams, secretary-treasurer of Indianapolis Local Union No. 135.

Other new officers elected were O. B. Chambers, secretary-treasurer of Kokomo Local Union No. 759, vice-president; Ernest Crickmore, secretary-treasurer of Indianapolis Local Union No. 233, secretary-treasurer, and Johnnie Baker, president of Indianapolis Local Union No. 716, recording secretary.

Trustees were chosen as follows:

Norman C. Murrin, president of Terre Haute Local Union No. 144; John M. Perry, secretary-treasurer of Richmond Local Union No. 691, and Albert Tyree, secretary-treasurer of Indianapolis Local Union No. 716.

Truck Industry Has Vital Role In War Effort

CHICAGO—(Special)—The vital service rendered by the trucking industry to the war effort was emphasized at a recent conference here of 1,500 truck operators from throughout the United States.

Trucks move upwards of 85 per cent of freight into and from 741 war plants.

Fifty-four thousand communities depend entirely on trucks.

The United States now has 1,600,000 motor trucks.

More than 5,000 trucks helped construct the Alaskan highway.

Russia received 80,000 lend-lease trucks from the United States in 1942.

Trucks pay more than \$500,000,000 a year highway tax.

War production would be crippled if the nation's trucks stopped operating for 24 hours.

EATON TO RETURN

Thomas Eaton, former recording secretary of Indianapolis Local Union No. 193, who has been in the Army for about 13 months, has been notified that he soon will be given a medical discharge. He now is in a hospital at Camp Atterbury.

28 had not yet been destroyed on December 9. Officials of the health department said it had not been "convenient" for Morgan to destroy it. It wasn't "convenient" for Morgan to pay his taxes either. But that didn't bother the state tax board. It operates on a policy of convenience to the general public rather than convenience of chiselers who try to evade the state laws.)

Bowles Sounded Warning

Price Administrator Chester Bowles said recently in a radio address that "if Congress decides to allow the price control program to continue as it is, I am confident that we can keep your food bill down. But if it decides against the present program, then in spite of anything that we in the OPA can do, there will be immediate increases in the prices of butter, meat, milk, bread and certain fruits and vegetables."

Pressure for the killing of subsidies is coming from a small minority of selfish persons who want to make huge profits at the expense of the 130,000,000 of their fellow-Americans.

This minority group may not get away with its attempts to create inflation and hamper the war effort if you wire your senators and congressmen immediately. Don't fail to do so.

NEWS BULLETINS FROM LOCAL 543

By GLEN H. RABANUS

The city freight and movers' contract was approved by the Appeals Board, with retroactive pay to July 1, 1943, being provided.

Private Dort Layton, a former member of Local No. 513, was home on furlough, and dropped in for a visit. He is stationed in Louisiana.

Ivan Grenat, who is serving with the Seabees, has returned to Camp Perry, Virginia, after visiting his family and friends while on a nine-day furlough.

BUY MORE BONDS TO BOMB TOKYO

JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES
FIGHT INFANTILE PARALYSIS
JANUARY 14-31

SOUTH BEND TEAMSTERS GIVE ALL-OUT HELP IN PAPER COLLECTION CAMPAIGN

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—(Special)—President Walter E. Biggs and all members of South Bend Local Union No. 364 were "right in there pitching" recently when a waste paper collection drive was conducted in South Bend.

Mr. Biggs organized a fleet of trucks which were manned by Teamsters in the city-wide drive. Nearly 226 tons of waste paper were gathered up by the Teamsters. The drive followed closely a scrap metal collection campaign in which the Teamsters also gave all-out co-operation. Proceeds from the sale of waste paper were divided between the United War Chest and the American Red Cross.

John S. Buczkowski, salvage director of the South Bend Civilian Defense Council, gave high praise to the Teamsters in expressing the appreciation of the city for the outstanding work that had been done.

"We have learned," Mr. Buczkowski asserted, "that when Mr. Biggs says he'll do a job, he'll do it and do it right. He and his men were swell."

Don't worry, Tom. Levi is doing his best.



By Al Lindahl

Nov. 5—Greetings from the gang at Drewry's, Ltd., to all in the turkey and Christmas month.

Nov. 6—Vic DeClark, Ed Smith, Puglie, Louis Tobler and Charles Lawson should have quit their game at the Smoker.

Nov. 7—Mike Szczesna is sure an outcast as far as his draft board and neighbors are concerned.

Nov. 8—"Big Foot" Stanley wins a 20-pound turkey.

Nov. 9—Joe Takacs and Eddie "Kaz" are off to their hunting shack for the open season.

Nov. 10—A nice long letter to Tom Hedrick from Andy Sholly from North Africa. You all remember "little" Andy, the night foreman.

Nov. 11—We hope that this is the last day to observe on World War I, and that there will be a new one in the near future.

Nov. 12—Eddie "Kaz" and Joe Takacs back from hunting and the score is a chicken apiece. (Some mighty fine blind shooting.)

Nov. 13—Charlie Lawson is on vacation deep in the hills of Old Kentucky.

Nov. 14—What happened to the feud between Joe Szczesna and Steve Weiger?

Nov. 15—Understand that Bobbie Singleton, our midget cellar man, is to manage a team of broken down box fighters in the coming Golden Glove bouts. (P. S. Bobbie, you should use Buff and Junior for sparring dummies.)

Nov. 16—Christmas cards from "Dom" Simiri and Stanley Kalamajski from across the Atlantic.

Nov. 17—Does it just happen that Charlie Richardson and Ellen Ballinger ride the same bus to work?

Nov. 18—Elmer Wild is hunting deer in the upper part of Michigan, and just one kind, as "Little Mary" is along.

Nov. 19—Why does someone have to stick a punch board in front of you all the time? Answer—For the Employees Association.

Nov. 20—Chet LaPierre just settled in a house and then notice to vacate. Tough luck, Chet.

Nov. 21—Louis Tobler is not color blind, he just owns too many coats.

Nov. 22—A good crowd in the Rathskellar, and a slow night at the feather party, but a profit shown on the birds.

Nov. 23—"Ram" Cobert does more business out of his garage than they do at the City Market. (Should be able to buy the house next door.)

Nov. 24—Just got the sad news—work on turkey day.

Nov. 25—A full crew, and sober, except Tom Hedrick, Alva Helmick, Charlie Lawson and Joe Benko.

Dec. 2—Why is Mrs. Lindahl and family so happy over my going for an examination, when Jack Mossman's and Eddie "Kaz's", along with a lot of others, are so sad?

Dec. 3—Paul Minder made it from Tom Hedrick's office, through the bottle shop, and to his car in three jumps—cause: a new baby boy. Good luck to you and Mrs. Minder.

Dec. 4—This is the last working day for twelve fellows at this plant. I hope, as we all want to do our part now that we have been called.

P. S.—A good gift this Christmas, in as much as gifts are hard to purchase, is a War Bond or War Stamps, as there is a goodly supply on hand at all counters.

Another P. S.—I hope this is my last issue.

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